



## March 3 – May 1, 2005: 60 Stops In 60 Days Accomplishments *More Than 160 Events; Officials Hit 500 Radio Interviews In All 50 States*

"We launched the tour to engage Americans in a national dialogue about the problems facing Social Security and the need to fix it for future generations. Under the President's leadership, we have raised awareness of the problems facing Social Security and have built critical momentum for a permanent solution."

-- Treasury Secretary John W. Snow

### Overview:

Since March 3, Administration officials have traveled the country to discuss the President's vision to strengthen Social Security. Administration officials – from the President and Vice President to Assistant Secretaries and Assistants to the President – crisscrossed the nation to participate in 166 stops in 40 states.



The first phase of the effort to preserve and strengthen Social Security has been successful. Americans are now aware of the challenges facing Social Security, and they consistently list Social Security as a top concern that needs to be addressed. The Senate has heard that concern and voted unanimously in favor of permanently fixing Social Security.

There is still work to do. If fixing Social Security were easy, it would be done already. The President will continue to discuss the need for Social Security reform with the American people, and will continue the discussion of options to ensure that Social Security is there for our children and grandchildren.

The American people elect their leaders to solve problems, not to sweep issues under the rug for future generations. We are now entering a phase when there will be stepped up legislative activity and discussion about actual solutions. We saw that in the hearings of the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday April 26, and we will see it in ongoing efforts in Congress.

The President has led on Social Security reform, and he will continue to educate on the issue and press for reform, because he believes our children and grandchildren deserve the opportunity to save for retirement and deserve a Social Security system that is strong and sound.

#### **60 Stops in 60 Days Accomplishments:**

- 166:** Number of stops Administration officials participated in on the 60 Stops in 60 Days tour.  
[Note: All 60 Stops events took place outside the beltway & were open press]
- 127:** Number of cities visited by Administration officials on the 60 Stops in 60 Days tour.
- 40:** Number of states visited by Administration officials on the 60 Stops in 60 Days tour.
- 31:** Number of Administration officials who participated in the 60 Stops in 60 Days tour.
- 61:** Number of town halls Administration officials participated in with members of Congress.
- 30:** Number of members of Congress who had an Administration official travel to their district or state for a town hall meeting.
- 7.94 Million** Total circulation of newspapers that placed opinion columns by Administration officials during the tour.
- More than 500:** Number of radio interviews given by Administration officials over the 60 Stops in 60 Days tour.
- 50:** Number of states in which Administration officials gave radio interviews on Social Security.

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